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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312
EXPEDITED PROCEDURES EXAMINING
GROUP 1723**

PATENT
0179-0175P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Michael COLLASIUS et al	Conf. No.:	1409
Appl. No.:	09/963,602	Group:	1723
Filed:	September 27, 2001	Examiner:	D. REIFSNYDER
For:	DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY FILTERING UNDER REDUCED PRESSURE AND FOR VACUUM DRYING SAMPLE LIQUIDS OR DROPS OF SAMPLE LIQUIDS AS WELL AS USE OF SAID DEVICE		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312 AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

June 17, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 26, 2004, which was a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability, the following amendments and comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the above-identified application.

- The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	\$ 86	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$290	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

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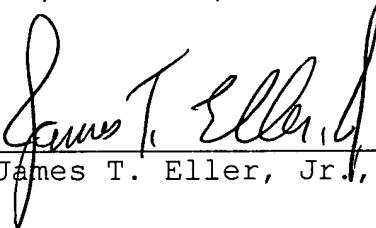
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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